

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 23, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: By the end of last week, 96 percent of cotton has reached the bolls opening stage compared with 93 percent last year, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Twenty-nine percent has been defoliated compared with 28 percent last year, and 19 percent has been harvested compared with 15 percent last year. Cotton conditions were rated mostly fair to good. Alfalfa conditions were rated mostly good to excellent, depending on location last week with harvesting taking place on three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Pasture and range conditions were generally rated mostly poor to very poor. Western Arizona growers shipped mixed melons last week. In other parts of the State, producers shipped potatoes. In the Northeastern and East Central part of the State, weather conditions continue to be hotter than normal with little rainfall. Forage is in fall decline and water tanks are dry or drying in the North Central and Northwestern part of the State, while rain was received at the South Central part of the State. For the week ending on September 23th, 34 of the 48 reporting weather stations reported some precipitation, with Sahuarita reporting the most at 2.82 inches while Kayenta, Paloma, and Teec Nos Pos reported the least at 0.02 inches. All but 9 of the 48 reporting weather stations reported above normal temperatures. The highest temperature during the week was 110 degrees at Parker. The lowest temperature during the week was 35 degrees at Springerville. Twenty-four of the 48 reporting stations reported temperatures of 100 degrees or greater.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Cotton				
Bolls Opening	96	87	93	86
Defoliated	29	24	28	27
Harvested	19	14	15	11

NA – not available
 (--) – zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	7.0	7.0	7.0	NA
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	--	--	--	NA
Short.....	15	17	8	NA
Adequate.....	83	82	92	NA
Surplus.....	2	1	--	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	--	--	--	NA
Short.....	17	16	9	NA
Adequate.....	81	83	91	NA
Surplus.....	2	1	--	NA

NA – not available

(--)- zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor.....	--	--	2	5
Poor.....	3	4	8	4
Fair.....	11	14	24	21
Good.....	52	54	35	41
Excellent.....	34	28	31	29
Cotton				
Very poor.....	1	1	1	2
Poor.....	2	2	4	2
Fair.....	50	55	13	14
Good.....	35	34	53	51
Excellent.....	12	8	29	31
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	29	32	16	16
Poor.....	33	33	4	11
Fair.....	15	15	27	28
Good.....	12	13	37	36
Excellent.....	11	7	16	9

NA – not available

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Arizona’s weather data can be accessed at the following:

http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Arizona/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2018/AZ-Weather-09232018.pdf

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